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Re: Re-Scheduling Pre-Trial Conference

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Phil,

Again, we would like to be accommodating, but unfortunately, those dates also do not work for Plaintiffs' counsel.

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Julia – If Plaintiffs' counsel are not available the first week of February, and oppose holding the conference after February 18, what about the weeks of January 20 or January 27, and/or February 10-12?

Phil

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Phil,

While we would like to be accommodating, Plaintiffs' counsel is now unavailable the first week of February and believe that moving the pre-trial conference later in time is not appropriate because it would push the conference too close to the deadline for the findings of fact and to the trial to allow the parties to reasonably prepare for either. Thus, we would oppose such a request.

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Counsel:

Defendants plan to move to re-schedule the pre-trial conference because I have a longstanding personal family commitment (scheduled when the trial was scheduled for November) that conflicts with the February 13 date. We plan to ask for the pre-trial conference to be moved to any date *other than* February 13, 14, or 18 that is convenient for the Court.

Can we represent that Plaintiffs do not oppose such a request?

Thank you.

Phil

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